

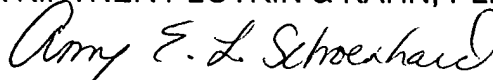
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-36 are pending. By this amendment, the specification is amended, claims 1-11 are canceled and new claims 12-36 are added. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed. In particular, support can be found in the specification, from the original international application PCT/EP99/05171, in Examples 5-8 on pages 14-16 and Example 14 on page 19. No new matter is added.

In view of the amendment and above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for examination at this time.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, along with any other fee that may be required with respect to this application, referencing Attorney Docket No. 026220-00043.

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